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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Varriale, <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1724
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Serial No.: 09/675,464)	Examiner: Thomas M. Lithgow
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Filed: September 28, 2000)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
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For: Method and Apparatus for)	
Multistage Liquid Filtration)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2003, please consider the following Amendment and Remarks. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.